

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being rendered obvious by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art taken in view of Kobayashi et al. (5,469,841).

Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but is indicated as being otherwise allowable.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the language from canceled claim 2, thereby effectively redrafting claim 2 in independent form. Since claim 2 is indicated as being allowable, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art is believed to be necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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